

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original): A sealed container in which a container body having an opening is sealed by a lid portion which closes and covers said opening, comprising a welded portion in which an outer wall surface of a peripheral portion of said opening and an inner wall surface of said lid portion are laser welded in order to make it possible for at least an inner wall surface of the peripheral portion of said opening from an inner wall surface of said container body to make contact with container contents.

Claim 2 (Original): A sealed container in which a container body having an opening is sealed by a lid portion which closes and covers said opening, comprising a welded portion in which an edge surface of said opening and an inner wall surface of said lid portion are laser welded in order to make it possible for at least an inner wall surface of the peripheral portion of said opening from an inner wall surface of said container body to make contact with container contents.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The sealed container according to Claim 1-~~or 2~~, wherein said welded portion does not form a flange.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The sealed container according to Claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, further comprising a non-welded portion in which an inner wall surface of a peripheral portion of said lid portion is not welded to an outer wall surface of said container body.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The sealed container according to Claim 1, ~~2, 3 or 4,~~

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wherein said lid portion has a thickness of 0.2 mm or higher.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The sealed container according to Claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4 or 5~~, wherein the welded portion is laser welded in two loop shapes along the periphery of said opening.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The sealed container according to Claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4, 5 or 6,~~
wherein said lid portion has a multilayer structure in which an annular layer having an inner
diameter ~~roughly~~approximately the same as the opening diameter of said opening is
connected to the inner wall surface side, and the container seal is opened by peeling apart
said lid portion from said annular layer in the state where said annular layer remains laser
welded to said container body.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The sealed container according to Claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7~~, wherein said container body and said lid portion are formed from synthetic resin.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The sealed container according to Claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or~~ 8, wherein said container is a beverage container.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A method of manufacturing a sealed container in which a container body having an opening is sealed by a lid portion which closes and covers said opening, comprising the steps of:

~~_____ a process in which after forming bonded surfaces by bonding an outer wall surface of~~
a peripheral portion of said opening and an inner wall surface of said lid portion; and
~~_____ in order to make it possible for~~contacting at least an inner wall surface of the
peripheral portion of said opening from an inner wall surface of said container body ~~to make~~
~~contact with container contents,~~

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_____ wherein said bonded surfaces are irradiated with a laser to form a welded portion.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method of manufacturing a sealed container in which a container body having an opening is sealed by a lid portion which closes and covers said opening, comprising the steps of:

_____ ~~a process in which after forming~~ bonded surfaces by bonding an edge surface of said opening and an inner wall surface of said lid portion, and


_____ ~~in order to make it possible for~~ contacting at least an inner wall surface of the peripheral portion of said opening from an inner wall surface of said container body ~~to make contact with container contents,~~

_____ wherein said bonded surfaces are irradiated with a laser to form a welded portion.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The method of manufacturing a sealed container according to Claim 10 ~~or 11~~, further comprising the step of providing a process which provides a laser light absorbing portion in at least one of an outer wall surface of the peripheral portion of said opening or an inner wall surface of said lid portion, or in at least one of an edge surface of said opening or an inner wall surface of said lid portion.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The method of manufacturing a sealed container according to Claim 10, ~~11 or 12~~, further comprising the step of providing a case which provides a laser light absorbing material in a portion of at least one of an outer wall surface of the peripheral portion of said opening or an inner wall surface of said lid portion, or in a portion of at least one of an end portion of said opening or an inner wall surface of said lid portion.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The method of manufacturing a sealed container according to Claim 10, ~~11, 12 or 13~~, wherein laser irradiation of said welded portion ~~is carried out by~~ comprises the step of fixing a laser oscillating element while said container body and said

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lid portion are rotated around a rotation axis formed by the central axis of the container, or carried out by rotating the laser oscillating element around said container body and said lid portion around a rotation axis formed by the central axis of the container.

Claim 15 (New): The sealed container according to Claim 2, wherein said welded portion does not form a flange.

Claim 16 (New): The sealed container according to Claim 2, further comprising a non-welded portion in which an inner wall surface of a peripheral portion of said lid portion is not welded to an outer wall surface of said container body.


Claim 17 (New): The sealed container according to Claim 2, wherein said lid portion has a thickness of 0.2 mm or higher.

Claim 18 (New): The sealed container according to Claim 2, wherein the welded portion is laser welded in two loop shapes along the periphery of said opening.

Claim 19 (New): The sealed container according to Claim 2, wherein said lid portion has a multilayer structure in which an annular layer having an inner diameter approximately the same as the opening diameter of said opening is connected to the inner wall surface side, and the container seal is opened by peeling apart said lid portion from said annular layer in the state where said annular layer remains laser welded to said container body.

Claim 20 (New): The sealed container according to Claim 2, wherein said container body and said lid portion are formed from synthetic resin.

Claim 21 (New): The sealed container according to Claim 2, wherein said container is a


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beverage container.

Claim 22 (New): The method of manufacturing a sealed container according to Claim 11, further comprising the step of providing a laser light absorbing portion in at least one of an outer wall surface of the peripheral portion of said opening or an inner wall surface of said lid portion, or in at least one of an edge surface of said opening or an inner wall surface of said lid portion.

Claim 23 (New): The method of manufacturing a sealed container according to Claim 11, further comprising the step of providing a laser light absorbing material in a portion of at least one of an outer wall surface of the peripheral portion of said opening or an inner wall surface of said lid portion, or in a portion of at least one of an end portion of said opening or an inner wall surface of said lid portion.

Claim 24 (New): The method of manufacturing a sealed container according to Claim 11, wherein laser irradiation of said welded portion comprises the step of fixing a laser oscillating element while said container body and said lid portion are rotated around a rotation axis formed by the central axis of the container, or carried out by rotating the laser oscillating element around said container body and said lid portion around a rotation axis formed by the central axis of the container.

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